Jharkhand Movement

1023. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All Jharkhand Students Union has taken a decision to launch the Quit Jharkhand Movement from 1st March 1992; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Information has been received that All Jharkhand Students Union has taken a decision for a Jharkhand bandh on 1st March, 1992 and an economic blockade from 2nd to 6th March, 1992.

(b) The Union Home Minister held discussion on Jharkhand issue with the Chief Ministers of Bihar and West Bengal on 18.2.92. The Union Home Secretary held further discussions with the Chief Secretaries, Governments of West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and the Home Secretary, Government of Bihar on 27.2.92.

Theft of Idols

1033. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rare and ancient idols which were stolen from different temples in each State/Union Territory, together with their value in the international market, during the last three years; State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number and value of the idols which were recovered by the police during the same period, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent thefts of such idols?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) A statement showing available State-wise/Union Territory-wise figures of number of idols stolen and recovered during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 30)

As there are no standard norms for valuation of idols/antiques, it is not feasible to fix the value of each and every idols/antique stolen and recovered, unless such idol/antique is physically examined for the specific purpose of valuation by experts in the field.

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including crimes referred to in the Question is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for them to take necessary steps to prevent thefts of such idols.

Naxalites activities in Bastar

1034. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalite activities have been increased in Bastar and adjoining districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A meeting was taken by the Home Minister on 3rd August 1991 in which the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Orissa took part. In the discussions that followed, it was inter-alia, agreed that the State Govts. would prepare action plans incorporating maintenance of law and order and also developmental measures which are necessary to tackle this problem. Since the naxalite affected regions of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and

Orissa are contiguous, it was felt that steps should be taken to coordinate the anti-naxalite measures of these four States. Towards this end, follow-up official level meetings of the four States have been held and decisons taken in regard to the coordination of police action, and developmental and administrative measures.

Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission

1035. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Governors are still being appointed without consulting the Chief Ministers of the State concerned, by-passing one of the important recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government consilered the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations and decided, in September, 1990 that the recommendations as such may be placed before the Inter-State Council. Accordingly, the report was taken up for discussion in the first meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 10th October, 1990 The Council constituted a Sub-Committee to examine the recommendations and give concrete suggestions thereon. So far three meetings of the Sub-Committee have been held.

Suggestion on Centre-State relations

1036. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited suggestions from various Chief Ministers on Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Sarkaria Commission's recommendations have totally been nullified; and

(c) if not, what are the impediments in not accepting the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) On receipt of the report of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations, the Government obtained the comments of the State Governments on the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. The Government cosidered these recommendations and decided that the recommendations as such may be placed before the Inter-State Council. The report was taken up for discussion in the first meetng of the Inter-State Council held on 10th October, 1990. After the discussion, it was decided that a Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council be constituted to examine the recommendations and give concrete suggestions thereon. The Sub-Committee has held three meetings in this regard.

Inter State Council

1037. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Inter State Council; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) In pursuance of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, an Inter-State Council under the provisions of the Article 263 of the Constitution was set up by a Presidential Order dated 28th May, 1990.

(b) The composition of the Inter-State Council is as under:—

(i) Prime Minister.